

Herbarium of dried
plants

History of — —	Rep. 1891 p. 4
Cabrichi - patched up.	Rep. 1892 p. 4
Specimens repointed	Rep. 1907 p. 3.

From whom

H. E. the Governor

Place

Singapore

Date

10. 10. 85

Forwarded letter from H. E. the Governor
Suggesting the formation of a Herbarium
at Singapore

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

Refer to the Supt of Botanical Gardens
for an early report. The H. E. the Governor
has forgotten that a Herbarium has
already been started & was specially
referred to in Mr. Campbell's annual report
for 1854

(Sg) C. L. S.

2. 10. 85

Supt of Gardens
For Report

(Sg) C. L. S. 6. 10. 85

Hon the Colonial Secretary

It may be that the H. E. the Governor
had not a copy of my report when they
addressed the Colonial Office
& a Herbarium has been commenced here and

great progress has already
been made in getting a
collection of Native plants
together.

3. I have already invited
the public through the
Medium of ^{Amoy} My Reports to
send the Specimens requiring
naming & many have
accepted themselves of the
invitation.

4. It might be if not
were the drawback & complaint
of Mr. Dyer of the New
Australia was to insist on
a reference being made by
correspondents to the Local
Herbarium in the first
instance.

5. The Supt of the Gardens or
Herbarium here has no power
or opportunity of preventing
collection of plants being sent
to New direct or any where -
Ledge of which such may
be sent.

By W. Cantley

11. 10. 55

27
Royal Gardens, Kew
20th July

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Royal Gardens, Kew

August 25th 1885

Sir,

I am directed by the Director of the
Gardens to draw your attention to the fact that
there appears to be a great want of a
historical & systematic of the plants, & other
persons interested on various grounds in
the ~~historical~~ ^{botanical} history of the
Gardens could by comparison with
authentically named specimens determine
the names of plants.

For many years past collections
have been received at Kew from
various correspondents connected with
the botanical world & it is in the
library. These have been carefully
determined and their names furnished
to the Director, the very same plants
however continually received and it is
obvious that this imposes an unnecessary
labour on the already overburdened
Kew staff.

A large collection is sent to Kew
from a gentleman who writes from
the Ruffin Park Station, New South

It is to be feared that other than in the
the Botanical Garden a beginning of
a permanent herbarium should be made.
It is by no means desired to check
the exertions of correspondence in sending
dried plants to Europe, all that is desired
is that a set of the plants which are named
should be preserved for use in the
herbarium, it is not then only but
necessary to send to Europe those which
appear novel or the determination
of which presents difficulty. The
attention of the Government of the
strait is earnestly begged for help
in drawing to which is suggested in
reference to this matter in the
Circular.

Yours &c
W. H. Christian Esq.

W. H. Christian
R. H. H. Esq.
Botanical Office

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Lat. 72° 34' N. Long. 65° 30' W.

From whom

Place

Date

To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary

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Botanical Gardens

14th Feb 1885

Sir,

In reply to your letter
No S.D. 764
85 dated 28th January
last. I have the honor to inform you
that steps have already been taken for
the provision of an Herbarium of
local flora, ^{of the} and that the ~~provision~~
composition of the fluid ~~is~~ in use
for protecting the ~~the~~ collection from the
ravages of insects is the same as that
recommended by the Director of the
Royal Garden Kew.

I have the honor to be

Sr.

Yours most obedt Servt

W.C.

Supt

By

The Hon^{ble} Secy.

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It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Singapore, 28 January, 1885.

S of S $\frac{764}{85}$

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to forward to you for your information the enclosed extract of a letter from the Director of Kew Gardens on the subject of the formation of herbaria, which has been received through the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

A. P. Lalor

Actg. Colonial Secretary.

The Superintendent

S. S.

Botanical Gardens

Singapore.

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street,

15th December, 1884.

Sir,

*I have the honour to enclose an extract from a letter from the
Director of Kew Gardens on the subject of the formation of herbaria, which
may be of assistance in connection with the botanical work done in the
Colony.*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant.

DERBY.

*The Officer Administering
the Government of*

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF KEW GARDENS TO THE
COLONIAL OFFICE.—*Dated 30th of October, 1884.*

The institution of such local herbaria in connection with the various Colonial Botanic Gardens is a work of the highest utility. Without an institution of the kind, we are burdened with the task of naming and identifying for our correspondents year after year the same plants. The preservation at each botanical centre of accurately named types of the vegetation of their respective countries obviates this tax, and sensibly relieves our overburdened correspondence. It becomes easy to sift out on the spot from collections the new and undetermined specimens, which our staff can then examine and report upon with expedition.

It is very important that such a permanent collection should be protected from the ravages of insects. Mr. Ford has probably taken steps to provide for this, but it may be useful to give the composition of the fluid in use at Kew for the purpose :—

Methylated Spirit	...	...	...	1 gallon
Corrosive Sublimate	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb.
Carbolic Acid	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb.

With this the specimens are brushed over once for all after they are mounted.

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used if required.

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L.R. No 4

S. of S.

268

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From whom

Secretary of State

Place

Date

3rd Dec^r 1885

Handwritten notes in red ink:
To J. R. 268
86
Disputed No
152
Directo 30
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With reference to L.R. No 406 of 17th
October, forwards copy of letter from
Mrs Gardens respecting the formation
of a Herbarium at Singapore

Former Papers.

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Final Paper.

Col Secy

Inform Mr Cantley

(Ed) F.A.W.

Jan 8/86

Supot of Bot: Eds

For your information

14/1/86.

(Jg) A. L. J.

Hon. Col Secretary

I have perused Mr Diers letter
with much pleasure. Our Herbarium
is now being arranged and named
and the kind offer of the New
Authorities to aid us in naming
different things is very timely and
very acceptable.

Tarping
13/9/85-

Dear Mr Ridley.

Thanks for yours of 9th
inst.

E Enclose a painting
(return it please) of another
Saccolabium. which I
don't know the name of, it
has a flower size of drawing
at each leaf foot & has
altogether (the plant being a
large one) about 70 of them.
Can you name it for me.

C Also enclose another
dried specimen which
please name I send a
piece of plant also the

from a Vanilla which
must be like Phalaenopsis
var.

There is also a
Pulbophyllum A which
is uncommon what is
it. - Got 2 or 3 other
kinds which are common
but this I only have 1 plant
of -

My Phalaenopsis is
not yet out but when it
is I will send you a copy
of the flower.

When you get your
Purpurella look out for

might send me a copy
it's sure to be awfully useful.

Any orchids yet
produced.

A. D. Stephens

flower it grows at Maxwell's
on 200 ft high tree. flowers
fully, it is difficult to
grow - please name - I
have a yellow one also
same habit very similar
do you know it It is
commoner but one can
only get it by cutting large
trees - I got a small plant
of D. Aureum in a patch
of it but can't find any
more plants than the one I
wrote you of. Got it at
Maxwell's also off a tree
the miners had felled -

Enclose a dried flower

A
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Straits
No. 152

Downing Street
3rd December 1885.

Sir,

W/6
I am directed by the Secretary
of State to transmit to you for your
information with reference to Mr
Smith's despatch No 406 of the 17th of
Oct, the document specified in the
annexed schedule.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant
(Cg) Robert G. H. Herbert
The Officer Administering
the Government of the Straits Settlements

Date	Description of Document.
28 th Nov	Copy of letter from New Gardens respecting the formation of a Herbarium at Singapore.

Royal Gardens, Kew, to Colonial Office

(copy)

Royal Gardens, Kew,
November 28th 1886

Sir,

I am ~~directed~~ desired by Sir,
Joseph Hooker to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of Nov: 27th enclosing
a copy of a despatch from the Acting
Governor of the Straits Settlements
respecting the formation of a colonial
Herbarium at Singapore.

Sir, Joseph Hooker is glad to
observe from the accompanying copy
of Mr Cantley's report that the collection
of a Herbarium has been actively pushed on.
He does not however, gather from Mr Cantley's
statements that anything beyond the
native name is attached to the specimens.
He is of opinion that to be of any real use
they should be as far as possible identified
and arranged according to the Flora of British
India now in progress which include the
plants of the Straits Settlements.

This establishment cannot
of course undertake to determine the
Flora

flora of a Colony wholesale. But the Staff
is always happy to examine & determine
novel or difficult species which are
communicated to it for the purpose.

Mr Canthey may always therefore rely upon
its assistance if he sends properly
prepared specimens

Mr Canthey's remarks that it is not
in his power to prevent persons in the
Colony sending their plants to Kew to be
named is superfluous. It may be taken
as certain that they would not do so
if they could get the scientific names
at the Botanical Gardens. But Sir
Joseph Hooker understands from more
than one independent source that
this is not the case and in fact he
gathers as much from the terms of
Mr Canthey's report in which no
reference is made except to Native
names

I am &c
(Sd.) W. L. Threlton Esq

Sir R. G. W. Herbert K. C. B.
Colonial Office

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I do not quite understand ~~that~~ the
the concluding remarks of Mr. Dixon's
letter. It might be that he is not fully
aware of the numerous consignments
of plants (Botanical specimens dry and
alive) which have been sent me for
names from time to time, and I am
glad to say that in no case have I recd. letters
of specimens having been returned
without the Botanic names being supplied
whenever they presented the necessary
materials to admit of names being given
them (excepting always the collectors belonging
to the Department) even since receiving these
papers, dried specimens for Robt. Haming
have been received from a Singapore gentleman
and have been returned named.

(Sd) R. Bentley
31/3/56